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SB 2158, Relating to Bail

Chair Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

We are Duane and Beth Chapman of Da Kine Bail Bonds, testifying in support of SB 2158, Relating to Bail, for the following reasons.

- Every one has a constitutional right to bail at all hours of the day and night, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The State has been violating this constitutional right of those accused of crimes for at least the past ten years - and even more so during furloughs.
- Hawaii jails are not equipped to accept cash for traffic fines or cash bonds. This causes a massive backlog in our jails, and an even bigger back up in our courts, every Monday morning after those accused of even minor crimes have been held all weekend.
- It costs tax payers \$200 a day to house an inmate who could otherwise bail themselves out over the weekend, costing tax payers millions of dollars in unnecessary expense. Many of these accused are usually let out on Monday, or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday.
- Allowing people to bail out at any hour will create bed space for more serious offenders, which will relieve our already over crowded jails.

We sincerely hope you will also support SB 2158, for the reasons we have outlined, above.

Mahalo for allowing us to testify.